READING O’ CLOCK (THE IMPORTANCE OF READING HABIT)

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“A child who reads will grow into an adult who thinks.”

Reading comprehension is one of the vital skills to be developed by every learner. Aside from learning how to decode letters and transforming them into words, understanding the context of what they are reading is also important. This skill must be inculcated to every learner at an early age.

Years before, Department of Education (DepEd), introduced the ECARP (Every Child A Reader Program) which aims to reach zero non-readers for each school. Presently, DepEd also promulgated Bawat Bata Bumabasa Program. With this, we are very much aware that practicing reading habit is really important. However, we ask, “Why is reading really important?”

Reading stirs up desire to learn

If at an early age, the children start to read, they become more eager to learn more and gain more knowledge. Children also become more interested in learning if they understand the books that they read. They become curious of their environment and the why’s of life and they learn to read and research and develop critical thinking skills.

Reading enhances vocabulary

Encountering new and unfamiliar words through books enables children to have a wider range of vocabulary. With this, the learners are able to collect and use new set of
words. They become well-versed. As what a saying goes, “A word a day keeps ignorance away.”

Reading develops attention span

If the children learn to love reading, they find it easier to focus and for a longer period of time. Studies found out that those children who read more books have a longer attention span and better focus, than those who don’t read books. Reading also helps children in concentrating. The time they devote in reading gives them better results than those who use their time in using gadgets.

Reading enhances children’s artistic and communication skills.

Do you ever why poets, novelist and even journalist are so good at written communication? It is because, at an early stage, they were exposed to the world of writing. They were able to read articles, prose and other form of literary pieces at an early age. By reading, they develop their artistic skills, linguistic skills. Some early readers become writers, journalist, poets and novelists. Some even become researchers.

Reading helps develop patience

Researchers found out that those children who are more exposed to computer and online games are more violent and impatient, compare to those children who spend time in reading books. Children who read materials like novels and chaptered works become more patient, as they spend more time in unravelling and discovering things as each chapter unfolds.

Reading is really important to every learner. Reading habit is also a routine which must be inculcated to learners. Passion for reading must also be instilled to our learners, to make them better individuals in the future.
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